

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



Computer Users' Group
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+-----+ ! COMPUTER SHOW ! +-----+

On Tuesday, February 16 and Wednesday, February 17 the Computer Users' Group and the Loyola Computer Science Students' Association will have the pleasure of sponsoring the Third Annual Small Business Computer Show, on the Mezzanine of the Hall building. With the larger space (previous shows were held in the luxurious but cramped Loyola Campus Centre) we expect to put on a really exciting show. Come see everything from Apples to Zeniths performing their tricks! Don't be put off by the title "Small Business" - we'll have something for everyone, from accounting to graphics to communications to (of course) computer games. Expect representatives from the big and the small -- and expect to see some new small machinery from big names, as well as big machinery from small names. Admission is free, and everyone is invited (no B.Comp.Sci. degree needed). See you there!

+-----+ ! APPEND COMMAND ! +-----+

It has been brought to our attention that many computer users out there have little or no faith in the APPEND command. We feel that we

should clear up the problem. The form of the command is "APPEND,PFN,LFN" where PFN is a permanent file name and LFN is a local file name. What the command does is append LFN to the end of the permanent copy of PFN. Note that it does NOT change the local copy of PFN. So, do NOT do a REPLACE as this will destroy your newly made copy. You should make sure that you know the difference between LOCAL and PERMANENT files. Note that you can append more than one file at once by simply entering "APPEND,PFN,LFN1,LFN2,...".

+-----+ ! BYELECTION ! +-----+

Yes, C.U.G. will be holding another byelection on Thursday, January 28th and Friday, January 29th -- this time for the position of member-at-large. This byelection is needed because of the huge void left by the graduating Suzi Huebsch. Nominations must be handed in to the C.U.G. office (H-983) by Wednesday, January 27th.

+-----+ ! WE'LL FIX YOU! ! +-----+

All right, so you discovered how to make FIX come crashing down in ruins whenever you want to. Very

impressive. Many people know how to pull wings off flies. Most of them don't do it for thrills; you do. Whoever you are, STOP IT! You get nothing but contempt from your fellow students when you wipe out 30 minutes of hard work with one push of a button. Let it be known that anyone caught doing terrible things to the operating system will have terrible things done to them.

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- Observant computer users will by now have noticed that the Centre is now using low-quality newsprint paper in an effort to cut costs. The paper is not in any way related

to a common household product despite its tendency to curl up into a roll.

- Some students have complained that some of their files have vanished during the Christmas break. We remind them that the Centre has a long-standing policy of deleting student files that remain untouched for over 30 days. This policy is usually enforced only when disk space gets tight, but don't count on it; if you want it, use it! A simple OLD or GET statement will suffice to keep your files filed.

- Our famous PROCFIL is in the process of being updated, and the new and improved version will be released by the end of February (Lord willing).

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The PODs are back! This semester's star-studded cast is as follows:

Monday	- Ng "Singapore Sling" Chee Beng
Tuesday	- Richard "Little Richard" Farrell
Wednesday	- Nelson "Mr. SPSS" Asinowski
Thursday	- Louis "Big Lou" Lanthier
Friday	- Franco "Carlos" Carlacci and Martin "Moo-Moo" Chan